

FRITH OF THORNES IN SHENSTONE, STAFFS

ARMS:*Sable on a chevron embattled or between three battle-axes argent three annulets sable

CREST:

..... Frith of Killysby, Lincs

chn: John Frith b Killysby, Lincs; (a monk at Merivale, Warwicks) c1506

Edward Frith below

Edward Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs "gentleman" c1505-

m Alice Jolliffe 1st dau and coheir of John Jolliffe of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs c1478-

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chn: Thomas Frith below

Thomas Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs "gentleman" c1535-c1627

m Elizabeth Reynolds dau (? and heir) of Reynolds of Alrewas, Staffs;

i 19 Jun 1608 Shenstone

d aged 92

(summoned but disclaimed at the Visitation) Aug *1583

chn: Rowland Frith b c1569; [? (aged 16) 1585] below

William Frith b c1571 below

Thomas Frith

Thomas Frith

Thomas Frith [? i 25 Mar 1600 Shenstone]

Edward Frith [? i 5 Mar 1586 Shenstone]

Alice Frith [? i 22 Mar 1599 Shenstone]

Eleanor Frith c 1580 Shenstone; m William Scott of Great Barr in Aldridge,

Staffs c1584-1644 [SLG]; i 4 Oct 1651 Aldridge; M.I. [SHAW II 100]

Rowland Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs gentleman c1569-c1652

m Beatrice Salter 1st dau of Thomas Salter of Wrockwardine, Salop c1548-.... [SLG]

d *aged 87[sic]* c1652

(lord of Shenstone)

[? (aged 16, matric. Gloucester Hall,) 5 Nov 1585]; (with his son Edward, Royalist, fined £270) c1646

chn: Edward Frith [1] b c1619; (aged c48) c1667 below

Henry Frith [2] b c1630; (aged c50) 1680 below

Eleanor Frith [1] m John Wyke of Priors Leigh in Shifnall, Salop

Elizabeth Frith [2] m John Gibbons of Tamworth, Staffs mercer (a freeman of London);

(and had chn: "Dr Gibbons ye Phisitian") [? William Gibbons 1649-1728 [SLG]]

Alice Frith [3] m William Cooke of Hurley, Warwicks

Jane Frith [4] m Donwell Freeman of Leics

Ann Frith [5] m Gerard Thurstons of Newport, Salop apothecary

Beatrice Frith [6] m Edward Jobber of Woodhouses in Shifnall, Salop c1620-.... [SLG]

Edward Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs gentleman c1619-1668

m c1649 Granada Hinton dau of Samuel Hinton of Lichfield, Staffs LL.D.

c1601-1668 [SLG]; b c1629; m2 John Brown of Fotherley in Shenstone, Staffs

c1624-p1680 [SLG]; (living) 1680; d a1696

i *as gentleman* 6 May 1668 Shenstone

(lord of Shenstone)

(Royalist); (as gentleman, 9 hearths, Lynn in Shenstone) 1666 HT

chn: Thomas Frith [1] b c1650; unkm.; i 21 Oct 1665 Shenstone

Rowland Frith [2] b c1651; (aged 29) 1680 below

Charles Frith [3] c 24 May 1654 Shenstone; (aged 26) 1680 below

Rowland Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs gentleman c1651-1712

m 9 Aug 1676 Bushbury: Elizabeth Wightwick only dau of Francis Wightwick of

Wightwick, Tettenhall, Staffs 1618-1692 [SLG]; (had no chn by 1710); c 6 Oct 1651

Tettenhall; (living) 1710
i 16 Dec 1712 Shenstone; Will (PCC) 12 May 1716
(lord of Shenstone)
(aged 29) 1680; (as Esquire, a Staffordshire Land Tax Commissioner had an annual
income from land of £100 or more) *1702; (Mowbray Herald Extraordinary); (living)
1710

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Charles Frith (of Shenstone, Staffs) gentleman 1654-1709

c 24 May 1654 Shenstone
m Mary Tichmarsh of Caucot, Beds; (but had no chn); d c1700
d *aged 55* 1709 Bakewell, Derbys; i Bakewell, Derbys
(aged 26, Commissary of the Stores, Tangier) 1680; (Collector of Excise)

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Henry Frith of Wolverhampton, Staffs lawyer c1630-1703

b c1630 *2nd son of Rowland Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs c1565-c1652 [SLG]*
m Sarah Monk of Coventry, Warwicks
d "as senior" Nov 1703
(as Harry Fryth, adm. Clement's Inn, pledged by Edward Fryth) 1660; (as Mr, 6
hearths, High Green Street, Wolverhampton) 1666 HT; (aged c50) 1680
chn: William Frith [1] b c1660; (aged c20) 1680; unm.; d 1685
Henry Frith [2] b c1663; (aged c17) 1680; (living) 1719 "nil valet"
Ann Frith [1] m Silvester Hayes of Wolverhampton, Staffs
Sarah Frith [2]

William Frith of Merryvale c1571-

b c1571 yr son of Thomas Frith of Thornes in Shenstone, Staffs c1535-c1627 [SLG]
m Alethea Salter dau of Thomas Salter of Wrockwardine, Salop c1548-.... [SLG]
chn: John Frith (Student, Inns of Court); (sold Whitehorse Inn and other houses in
St Johns Street, Lichfield which were reputed to have been inherited from his
grandmother Elizabeth Reynolds by the tenure of Borough English) unm; d before
his father
Thomas Frith (Student, University); unm.; d before his father
Ann Frith m William Cooke of Hurley, Warwicks
Mary Frith m Brookesby of Birmingham, Warwicks (a Leics man)
Elizabeth Frith m Bearcroft of Tamworth, Staffs

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*1664/1700; *1664/1700 (HINTON) (22/5/04)

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Of this gentleman we find farther, that he had at leaft two brothers, Charles and
Henry.

Charles Fryth was collector of the land and window tax for the county of Stafford,
for the due execution of which Rowland was security. The money received being, as
was usual in those days, sent to London by a messenger who had often been entrusted
with the government's money, he fled with his charge into France, and was no more
heard of by the family.

The crown officers then fell upon the security, who was obliged to make up the
deficiency to a considerable amount. This greatly hurt Rowland, whose family was on

the decline. After some time, matters being properly represented, by aid of friends, and some money paid in part of purchase, he had an office amongst the heralds at arms. Going to take possession of the place, he died in London, was brought to Shentone, and interred in the church.

Such is the information given me by several old people in the parish. The antiquary * names him " Rowland Fryth the herald ;" adding no other circumstance, but that his father was Edward, son of Rowland, a clerk in chancery, who made Thorne hall his seat. Charles above said is described to have been lame, and to have died before his brother Rowland.

Of Henry we learn, that he was a tradesman of Wolverhampton, and that they had two sisters, one of which killed herself by drinking coffee to excess; the other, wife of James Hayes, a noted apothecary, father, by her, to James, who was of the same profession. I should have added, that Rowland, out of opposition to Smyth, of Over Stonall, or the Harp inn, erected the Swan inn, just by, a handsome mansion, which, with other projects and losses, impaired his fortune, before decaying; yet by the way we may remark, that the Harp inn